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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Sir:

We, Koji Yamaya, Koji Nakamoto and Hisao Yabe declare that:

1. We are the only inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in independent claims 1-4 of the above-identified patent application.
2. We are the only inventors and authors of U.S. Patent No. 6,824,509 which has been cited against independent claims 1-4 of the above-identified application in an Official Action dated September 16, 2005.
3. In addition to us, there is one other co-inventor listed in the present application: Haruhiko Ueno. While Mr. Ueno is a co-inventor of the above-identified application, he did not contribute to the claimed subject matter of independent claims 1-4 of the above-identified application.
4. Mr. Ueno's contribution to the claimed subject matter of the above-identified application is to one or more of the dependent claims 5-9.

5. We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment; or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: Dec. 20, 2005

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